



**December 10, 2017
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**Stewardship . . .
A Way of Life**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Dec. 11th

9:00 a.m. John K. Bales, RIP

Tues., Dec. 12th

6:20 a.m. IHS
9:00 a.m. IHS

Wed., Dec. 13th

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Thurs., Dec. 14th

6:20 a.m. IHS
9:00 a.m. IHS

Fri., Dec. 15th

6:20 a.m. IHS
9:00 a.m. IHS

John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live --- the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Pt. 4:10

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

December 3, 2017

<u>OFFERTORY FUND</u>	\$ 29,415.22
<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	\$ 4,778.66
<u>POOR BOX</u>	\$ 1,166.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



PLEASE NOTE: Christmas is always a Holy Day of Obligation, even when it falls on a Monday. In 2017, for your Sunday obligation you may attend the Saturday Vigil Mass or any Sunday Mass up until 11:59 p.m. For your Christmas obligation, attend a Sunday Mass held at 4:00 p.m. or later or the Monday 9:00 a.m. Mass. (It is not the text of the Mass that counts, but attending a Mass within the timeframe for completing the obligation. Parishioners should go to both a Sunday and a Christmas Mass.

Saturday, December 23rd - Fourth Sunday of Advent
5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 24th - Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
Spanish 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 24th - Christmas Eve
4:00 p.m. Church
(Children's Pageant) 4:00 p.m. Parish Hall
6:00 p.m. Church
Spanish 7:30 p.m. Church
Midnight Church

Monday, December 25th - Christmas Day
9:00 a.m. Church

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 16th	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Kelly
Sunday, Dec. 17th	7:00 a.m.	Fr. Herpin
	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Kelly
	11:00 a.m.	Fr. Kelly
	Spanish 12:45 p.m.	Fr. Kelly
	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Herpin

**ADVENT WREATH LIGHTERS
Second Sunday of Advent**



Saturday, December 9th
5:00 p.m. Ziegert Family

Sunday, December 10th
7:00 a.m. Kathleen Wheaton
8:30 a.m. Patti Ryce & Eugene Rozelle
11:00 a.m. The McNeese Family
5:00 p.m. The Upton Family

A **POOR BOX** has been placed in the church for acts of almsgiving - one of the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy. Please donate generously.



Coming this Week!

Monday, December 11th

- 11:30 a.m. 39er's Lunch & Bingo - PH
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Pageant Rehearsal – Church
- 6:30 p.m. Hoover Basketball Practice – Gym
- 6:30 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Mtg. – Rm. 202
- 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph's Guild Meeting - HFR
- 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena - Narthex

Tuesday, December 12th – OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

- 6:45 a.m. Lectio Divina Prayer Group – HFR
- 7:00 a.m.– 7:00 p.m. Senate Election – Lower Foyer
- 8:00 a.m. Martha & Mary Scripture Grp – Library
- 9:30 a.m. Catholic Schoolhouse – FLC
- 10:00 a.m. Bridge - HFR
- 5:00 p.m. OLG Mananitas & Procession – Outside
- 6:00 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass - Church
- 7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Dinner - PH

Wednesday, December 13th

- 6:30 a.m. Village of Immaculata Group – HFR
- 12:00 Noon Staff Christmas Luncheon – HFR
- 6:00 p.m. Parish School of Religion – FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass – Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. Human Concerns Committee - HFR
- 6:30 p.m. Regnum Christi Group – Rm. 214
- 7:00 p.m. Spanish Confessions/Adoration - Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Chamber Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rm.
- 7:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group – YR/Gym

Thursday, December 14th

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Cursillo Group – HFR
- 10:00 a.m. Moms' Bible Study – Rm. 211/212
- 5:00p.m. CDC Dinner with Santa – PH/211-213
- 6:00 p.m. K of C Christmas Party - HFR
- 6:00 p.m. V Encuentro – Rm. 214
- 6:30 p.m. Folk Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rm.
- 6:30 p.m. Creighton Model Session - Office
- 6:30 p.m. Hoover Basketball Practice – Gym
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Court of Honor – Rm. 202
- 6:30 p.m. Metanoia Young Adults – YR

Friday, December 15th

- 6:50 a.m. Fishers of Men – Library
- 7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph – HFR
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Cursillo Group – Library
- 9:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Third Friday Adoration – Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. CDC Staff Christmas Party – HFR
- 6:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out – Youth Room
- 6:30 p.m. Cristo Rey Prayer Group – Rm. 202

Saturday, December 16th

- 10:00 a.m. Spanish Baptism Prep – Rm. 202/212
- 5:00 p.m. Mass – Church
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rm.

Sunday, December 17th – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 7:00, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Mass – Church
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Education Session – HFR
- 12:45 p.m. Spanish Mass – Church
- 3:00 p.m. LifeTeen Band – Church
- 5:00 p.m. Mass – Church

IMPORTANT REMINDER! There are **NO MEETINGS or EVENTS** scheduled on the church calendar from **December 22nd through January 2nd.**

ATTENTION PARENTS! Do you need some free time to do some Christmas shopping? The Life Teen Youth Group will be offering a night out for parents on **Friday, December 15th** from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for elementary aged children. Please sign up at www.signupgenius.com/805084aa4a-parents1.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS YARD SIGNS



Be the first on your block to have a “Keep Christ in Christmas” Yard Sign and help support the many charities that benefit from the work of the Knights of Columbus. Signs will be available for sale after the liturgies on December 9th & 10th as well as at the Christmas Bazaar on December 10th. The signs are 18” x 24”, double sided in red ink, with a wire stake stand. The price is \$15.00. Come see us after Mass and ask one of the Knights to reserve one for you!

39er's LUNCH and BINGO



All senior citizens are invited to join us for our December Lunch and Bingo on **Monday, December 11th** at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall!

ST. JOSEPH'S GUILD

St. Joseph's Guild will meet on **December 11th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Holy Family Room. Come join us for our Christmas Party. In lieu of gifts for each other, each person is to bring a Christmas gift bag filled with items needed for the ladies at First Light Shelter. Hope you can join us!



Please support our ongoing food collection to help feed the hungry in the Birmingham area. Grocery carts are available in the upper and lower foyers for donations of non-perishable food items. Thank you!



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:



Please remember in your prayers all of our men and women serving in the armed forces at home and abroad. We especially remember:

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| Joyce Bates | Roger Long |
| Alexander Blais | Mary K. Manning |
| Karen Bolger | Lynn Montgomery |
| Olga Coburn | Lynn Monzella |
| Steve D'Amico | Gerald Nanos |
| Susan Golden | Isioma Obiobanya |
| Lane Jones | Mary Rowley |
| Eric Kaemmerer | Rosemary Savage |
| Sonya LaRussa | Sam Savage |
| Linda Long | Venita Vetrano |

- Sgt. Shane Bowers**
Nephew-in-law of Helen McMahon
- Lcpl. Alex Carcioppolo**
Nephew of Johnny & Debbie Carcioppolo
- Sgt. Denver Matthews**
Grandson-in-law of Helen McMahon

Names will remain on our Sick List for six weeks. If you would like to place a family member on the list, please contact the parish office.

THIRD FRIDAY
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
December 15, 2017
9:30 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
CHAPEL



RESPECT LIFE

“At the end of our life we will be judged on love, that is, on our concrete commitment to love and serve Jesus in the least of our brothers and the needy.” Pope Francis, Vatican City, November 26, 2017 (EWTN/CNA)

Please join us in praying we become a people of God that protects all life from conception to natural death.

Respect Life Committee

MEMORIALS to our Building and Maintenance Fund have been received from:



Mrs. Myriam Asencio
In memory of **PHILLIP ASENCIO, JR.**

Ms. Diane H. Ray
In memory of **JACQUELINE ERBEN**

Mr. & Mrs. John Madonia
In memory of **TOM REED**

Mr. & Mrs. Phil Selig
Mrs. Gloria M. Wadsworth
In memory of **WAYNE RUSSELL**

BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENTS

Space is currently available on the back of our Sunday bulletin for advertisements. The cost of an ad space is \$200 for a six month period. If you would be interested in advertising your business, please call the parish office at 822-4480.

SAVE THIS DATE! Friday, January 26th, for *Corde e Vini* – “Strings & Wine” A formal night of art and entertainment featuring a Harp Concert by Father Thomas Kelly, Silent Auction and Reception of Italian wines and hors d’oeuvres. Tickets are on sale at the parish office or online at www.cordeevini.com. General Admission tickets are \$40; VIP tickets are \$75 and include reserved parking space, upfront seating and a bottle of wine to take home. This formal event will benefit the Life Teen Pilgrimage to Italy in 2018! Tickets are limited so get yours while they last!



CHRISTMAS CHARITY TO NEWBORNS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Sponsor a Christmas Cookie Tin for families of the infants in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at St. Vincent’s Hospital Birmingham. Cookies will be distributed over the Christmas Season by the NICU staff in support of these families who are spending Christmas with their newborn child at the hospital. To participate in this Christmas act of charity visit Applemillbakery.com to place an order.

EWTN JOB OPPORTUNITIES: EWTN is searching for qualified candidates for the following positions – Accounting Assistant, Animation Graphics Designer, Broadcast Technician, Maintenance Technician, Jr. Network & Systems Administrator. For more information on the job requirements, go to www.ewtn.com. Please email cover letter, salary requirements and resume to humanresources@ewtn.

YOUTH MINISTRY

JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 13th: “Christmas Caroling” Join us for a fun-filled evening as we stroll through Father Kelly’s neighborhood singing Christmas Carols! (No singing talent is required!!) Upon returning to the Youth Room there will be plenty of Hot Chocolate and Christmas Cookies to enjoy!

Wed., Dec. 20th: WINTER BREAK! NO Jr. High Youth Group! “We wish you a very Blessed and Merry Christmas! We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!!

LIFE TEEN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., Dec. 3rd: “St. Nicholas Day Party” at Life Teen – 6:15 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Mon., Dec. 4th: NO MASS & BREAKFAST!

ATTENTION PARENTS & TEENS: We will be taking a break from Life Teen for exams and the Christmas holidays. Life Teen will return in January!

FYI: On the Second Friday of each month, the **Vecchia Restaurant** in the Preserve will donate 10% of all sales to our Life Teen Pilgrimage to Italy in 2018.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet on Thursday, December 14th at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Adoration and Confession begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. We will have an Advent Social following mass in the Cathedral Life Center. For more information, contact Lori Donellan at ccmbham07@gmail.com.

PADRE PIO GROUP

The Padre Pio Group of Birmingham will meet on Saturday, December 16th at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Come Join us! We adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, pray to our dear Lady with the Holy Rosary and conclude with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass! All are welcome!

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our annual “Children’s Christmas Pageant” will be part of the Family Liturgy at 4:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve in the Parish Hall.



Monday, Dec. 11th 6:00-7:00 p.m. Church (Practice)

Monday, Dec. 18th 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Rm. 211/PH (Dress Rehearsal)

Sunday, Dec. 24th 3:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Rm. 211/PH (Christmas Eve Family Liturgy)

If you would like your child (Grades 5K-5th) to participate in the pageant, please contact Ms. Teresa at 822-4480 ext. 28 or email tcrain@stpeterapostle.com.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Catholic? Like eating (pizza)? Digesting Theology? We do! Join fellow Birmingham young adults for spiritual down time! This month after the talk we will have our 2nd Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest with monetary prizes for the worst. Local Catholic stand-up Mike McCall will be this year’s judge.

Speaker: Bishop Baker

Date: Monday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Bird’s Bar & Pizza, 2839 Avenue South

For more information, email Matt Gubenski at mjbenski@yahoo.com. Find our group on Facebook at fb.com/groups/totbirmingham/

ANNUAL SIMBANG GABI NOVENA

The 3rd Annual Simbang Gabi Novena 2017 will be held at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 2120 3rd Avenue North in Birmingham, on December 15th – 23rd at 7:00 p.m. except on Saturdays, December 16th & 23rd at 10:00 a.m. For inquiries please email Gabriel Sapalaran at gsapalaran88@gmail.com or call (205) 612-5938.

Italian American Heritage Society NEW YEAR’S EVE DANCE

Make your plans now to attend the New Year’s Eve Dance sponsored by the Italian American Heritage Society at Prince of Peace Catholic Church/Deasy Hall. Live music by Ross Gagliano and Spellbound. Snacks and food provided. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and may be obtained now by calling Paul Lorino (205) 960-6150.